



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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and Prevention (CDC)  
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Dear Ms. Gomez:

This letter is regarding to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 29, 2019, assigned #19-00397-FOIA, for:

- All outbreak reports of H1N1v pandemic from the beginning of the outbreak in 2009 until Jan. 1, 2019.
- Any graphics, presentations, or visual representations of outbreak statistics for the H1N1v from the beginning of the outbreak in 2009 until Jan. 1, 2019.
- Any and all travel advisories issued in response to the H1N1v pandemic from the beginning of the outbreak in 2009 until Jan. 1, 2019.

This letter is to notify you that your request is overly broad and to seek your clarification regarding the subject matter of the records you seek. The FOIA allows the public to request access to "reasonably described" existing agency records (subject to any applicable FOIA exemptions to disclosure). This means you must describe the category of records you are seeking or the actual document(s), and provide sufficient details to permit a search with reasonable effort, utilizing existing indices and search tools.

Your request for "reports" of H1N1v broadly and vaguely could encompass reports *by* the CDC, as well reports *to* the CDC. In addition, your request covers a broad 10-year time span.

To assist the agency to conduct a reasonable search, please provide our office with additional information, such as request for a record by its title; particular event; a date range for records; recommended search terms; office(s) likely to have records requested; full names and accurate titles of individual(s) discussing the subject of your request; a subject matter; and/or, the precise document you seek. Reports *to* CDC of outbreaks of H1N1 from state or local health departments often also likely require State health identification numbers (obtained from the state health department) for a search of CDC health and medical records, laboratory profiles.

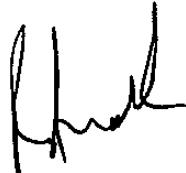
At this time, your request has been placed on hold until we receive the information requested. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Mark Harper at 770-488-8154 or his CDC email at wzj6@cdc.gov.

**If we do not receive a response from you by March 1, 2019, we will consider your request withdrawn and it will be closed.**

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope “FOIA Appeal.” **Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by May 1, 2019.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Andoh".

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